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As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

- Our residence and post office addresses and citizenship are given below. 1)
- We believe that we are the first, original, and joint inventors of the subject matter 2) which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 19, 2006 and was assigned Serial No. 10/576,923.
- We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified 3) specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the 4) examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).

5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, we hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the below-identified foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate:

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7) We hereby appoint the following attorneys who may be reached at the below-identified address and telephone numbers, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: John J. Wasatonic, Registration No. 29,984, Mark B. Quatt, Registration No. 30,484; Rupert B. Hurley Jr., Registration No. 29,313, Thomas C. Lagaly, Registration No. 34,652 and Daniel B. Ruble, Registration No. 40,794.

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